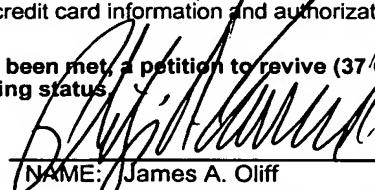


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/510,646
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/009711	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 31, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED July 31, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION LAMINATED TUBE AND MOLDED TUBE PRODUCTS COMPRISING THE LAMINATED TUBE		
APPLICANT FOR DO/EO/US Yasuyuki IMAIZUMI		
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21. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY			
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)): \$ 300.00		\$			
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International search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO as ISA \$ 100.00					
International search report provided to USPTO no later than the time at which the search fee is paid \$ 400.00					
All situations not provided for above \$ 500.00					
EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.492(c)(1)-(2)):		\$			
International preliminary examination report prepared by the USPTO as IPEA and favorable as to novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability for all claims presented in the application entering the national stage \$ 100.00					
All situations not provided for above \$ 200.00					
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TOTAL PAGES OF APPLICATION OVER 100 (- 100)	÷ 50	= †	× 250 =	\$	
†round up to next integer					
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS	- 20	=	× 50.00 =	\$	
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)(if applicable)			+ 360.00 =	\$	
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c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>15-0461</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.					
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					NAME: James A. Oliff REGISTRATION NUMBER: 27,075
Date <u>May 23, 2005</u>					NAME: Philip Caramanica, Jr. REGISTRATION NUMBER: 51,528

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasuyuki IMAIZUMI

Application No.: 10/510,646

ATTN: PCT Branch

Docket No.: 121381

Filed: November 24, 2004

For: LAMINATED TUBE AND MOLDED TUBE PRODUCTS COMPRISING THE
LAMINATED TUBE

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED
OFFICE (DO/EO/US) DECLARATION ALREADY FILED

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed on March 22, 2005, the executed Declaration of the inventor was filed on November 24, 2004. A copy of the executed Declaration as filed, a copy of the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, and a copy of the stamped postcard receipt are attached hereto.

Entry of these documents on November 24, 2004 should have completed all of the filing formalities. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt, and prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Philip A. Caramanica, Jr.
Registration No. 51,528

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Date: May 23, 2005

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07/31/2003	07/31/2002

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 371 FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 03/22/2005

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

DUE DATE

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/08/2004 MAY 22 2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 10/08/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/08/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 10/08/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/08/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 10/08/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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 By KTG on 3/25 2005
 and
 By JMM on 3/25 2005
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ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

VONDA M WALLACE

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

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TITLE OF INVENTION
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APPLICANT FOR DO/EO/US
Yasuyuki IMAZUMI

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OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC Customer Number: 25944		NAME: James A. Oliff REGISTRATION NUMBER: 27,075
Date	November 24, 2004	
		NAME: Eric D. Morehouse REGISTRATION NUMBER: 38,565

**DECLARATION UNDER 35 USC §371(c)(4) FOR
PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled: LAMINATED TUBE AND MOLDED TUBE PRODUCTS COMPRISING THE LAMINATED TUBE

described and claimed in international application number PCT/JP03/009711 filed July 31, 2003.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to my international application are hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-223860 Filed July 31, 2002

The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to my international application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s):

ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NUMBER 25944, TELEPHONE (703) 836-6400.

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of this Declaration, and that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

1	Typewritten Full Name of Sole or First Inventor:	Yasuyuki	Middle Initial	IMAIZUMI
2	Inventor's Signature:	<i>Yasuyuki</i>		<i>IMAIZUMI</i>
3	Date of Signature:	<i>Oct 2002</i>	Month	Year
	Residence:	Koto-ku	Tokyo	Japan
		City	State or Province	Country
	Citizenship:	Japan		
	Post Office Address: (Insert complete mailing address, including country)	c/o Yoshino Kogyosho Co., Ltd. 2-6, Ojima 3-chome, Koto-ku, Tokyo 136-8531, Japan		

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